1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 8 9 10 VICTORIA ROGER-VASSELIN, et) al., 11 No. C04-4027 TEH (BZ) Plaintiff(s), 12 INITIAL DISCOVERY ORDER v. 13 MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, 14 INC., et al., 15 Defendant(s). 16 All discovery in this matter has been referred to United 17 18 States Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman.

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In the event a discovery dispute arises, the parties shall meet in person or, if counsel are outside the Bay Area, by telephone and make a good faith effort to resolve their dispute. Exchanging letters or telephone messages about the dispute is insufficient. The Court will not read subsequent positioning letters; parties shall instead make a contemporaneous record of their meeting using a tape recorder or a court reporter.

In the event they cannot resolve their dispute, the parties must participate in a telephone conference with the

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Court before filing any discovery motions or other papers. 1 2 The party seeking discovery shall request a conference in a letter served on all parties not exceeding two pages (with no 3 attachments) which briefly explains the nature of the action 4 and the issues in dispute. Other parties may reply in similar 5 6 fashion within two days of receiving the letter requesting the 7 conference. The Court will contact the parties to schedule the conference. 8 After the conference with the Court, if filing papers is 9 10 deemed necessary, they should be filed electronically with the 11 Clerk's Office, with one hard copy delivered directly to 12 Magistrate Judge Zimmerman's Chambers (Room 15-6688). A chambers copy of all briefs shall be submitted on a diskette 13 formatted in WordPerfect 6, 8, 9 or 10 or may be e-mailed to 14 15 the following address: bzpo@cand.uscourts.gov 16 Dated: April 7, 2006 17 18 19 Zimmerman United States Magistrate Judge 20 21 G:\BZALL\-REFS\ROGER-VASSELIN\INITIAL.DISC.ORDER.wpd 22 23 24 25 26 27

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